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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Nate,

General Allen has nominated you as the DCI/IC representative to the COINS Working Group being established by Al Hall. All agencies, including NPIC, will be represented. Attached is a letter sent to the Director from Al Hall to which General Allen has responded with your name. Please acquire a copy of the COINS study and digest it well. Also contact [REDACTED] for time and place of the meeting.

Generally, DCI/IC Staff will be monitoring progress of the working group. You should be sensitive to policy and security issues of interest to the DCI. You should also be supportive to improvement of the system which can be accomplished within budgetary constraints and also alert to possible savings and trade-offs.

For your information, the CIA was provided in their FY 1973 budget an amount [REDACTED] for special studies, etc. for data systems. Those funds should be considered available in the context of the COINS efforts subject to General Allen's approval. You should also note that NSA is proposing [REDACTED] for the system in FY 1975 proposal.

Listen well and keep careful Memoranda for the Record. Report on the course of events. We will want to keep General Allen and Dr. Martin informed periodically and possibly provide a minute to the IRAC when it is next convened.

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Intelligence Community Comptroller

Attachment
As stated

cc: Dr. Martin

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